

# House File 659 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the provision of certain information to  
2 insureds regarding the internal appeal mechanism provided  
3 under certain health care plans or policies.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
5 TLSB 2685HH 82  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 514J.3A, Code 2007, is amended to read  
1 2 as follows:  
1 3 514J.3A NOTICE.  
1 4 1. When a claim is denied in whole or in part based on  
1 5 medical necessity, the carrier or organized delivery system  
1 6 shall provide a notice in writing to the enrollee of the  
1 7 internal appeal mechanism provided under the carrier or  
1 8 organized delivery system's plan or policy.  
1 9 a. An insurance card issued by a carrier or organized  
1 10 delivery system for a policy or contract providing for  
1 11 third-party payment or prepayment of health or medical  
1 12 expenses subject to this section shall contain the telephone  
1 13 number for an insured to obtain more information regarding the  
1 14 internal appeal mechanism provided under the plan or policy of  
1 15 the carrier or organized delivery system.  
1 16 b. The telephone number for an insured to obtain more  
1 17 information regarding the internal appeal mechanism provided  
1 18 under the plan or policy of a carrier or organized delivery  
1 19 system shall be posted in a prominent place in the offices of  
1 20 private practitioners and groups of practitioners who are  
1 21 health care providers as defined in section 135.61, and in  
1 22 institutional health facilities as defined in section 135.61.  
1 23 2. At the time of a coverage decision, the carrier or  
1 24 organized delivery system shall notify the enrollee in writing  
1 25 of the right to have the coverage decision reviewed under the  
1 26 external review process.

### EXPLANATION

1 28 This bill amends Code section 514J.3A relating to notice  
1 29 provisions for the internal appeal mechanism when a health  
1 30 care claim is denied by a carrier or organized delivery system  
1 31 based on medical necessity. The bill adds a requirement that  
1 32 a telephone number allowing an insured to obtain more  
1 33 information about the internal appeal mechanism provided under  
1 34 the plan or policy of a carrier or organized delivery system  
1 35 be printed on the insured's insurance card, and be posted in a  
2 1 prominent place in health facilities and in health care  
2 2 providers' offices.  
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